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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

SYNOVUS BANK)
Plaintiff,))
v.)
PLASH ISLAND RESORT, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, KEITH ROTENBERRY, an Individual, LEWIS M. LOCKHART, an Individual, RICHARD D. ROWE, an Individual, NIKOLAOS MANAKIDES, an Individual, RICKEY L. LOCKHART, an Individual, WILLIAM R. IVEY, an Individual, MICHAEL W. MCCAIN, an Individual, CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YARBOROUGH, an Individual, DONNA S. MARCRUM, As Executrix For The)))) Case No)))
ESTATE OF GARY L. MARCRUM SR., and MARCRUM DEVELOPMENT,)
L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability	·
Company.))
Defendants.) }

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Synovus Bank, formerly known as Columbus Bank and Trust Company, as successor in interest through name change and by merger with Coastal Bank and Trust, a Georgia Bank state bank, d\b\a Coastal Bank and Trust ("Synovus" or "Plaintiff") and for its Complaint against defendants Plash Island Resort LLC, ("Plash Island" or "Borrower"), and defendants Keith Rotenberry ("Rotenberry"), Lewis M. Lockhart ("L. Lockhart"), Richard D. Rowe ("Rowe"), Nikolaos Manakides ("Manakides"), Rickey L. Lockhart ("R. Lockhart"), William R. Ivey ("Ivey"), Michael W. McCain ("McCain"), Christopher Andrew Yarborough ("C. Yarborough"), Donna S. Marcrum, as executrix for the Estate of Gary L. Marcrum Sr. (the

"Marcrum Estate"), and Marcrum Development, L.L.C. ("Marcrum Development" and together with Plash Island, Rotenberry, L. Lockhart, Rowe, Manakides, R. Lockhart, Ivey, McCain, C. Yarborough, and the Marcrum Estate, the "Defendants"), states as follows:

Parties, Jurisdiction, and Venue

- 1. Plaintiff Synovus Bank, is a Georgia chartered bank with its principal place of business in Columbus, Georgia.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Plash Island is a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the State of Alabama with its principal place of business in Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Keith Rotenberry is an adult citizen residing in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Lewis M. L. Lockhart is an adult citizen residing in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Richard D. Rowe is an adult citizen residing in Shelby County, Alabama.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Nikolaos Manakides is an adult citizen residing in Shelby County, Alabama.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Rickey L. Lockhart is an adult citizen residing in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 8. Upon information and belief, William R. Ivey is an adult citizen residing in Shelby County, Alabama.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Michael W. McCain is an adult citizen residing in Jefferson County, Alabama.

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- 10. Upon information and belief, Christopher Andrew Yarborough is an adult citizen residing in Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Gary L. Marcrum, Sr. died on June 13, 2009, and the Marcrum Estate is being administered in the Probate Court in and for Shelby County, Alabama. Donna S. Marcrum is the executrix of the Marcrum Estate and is a resident citizen of the State of Alabama.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Marcrum Development is a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the State of Alabama with its principal place of business in Jefferson County, Alabama.
 - 13. This Court has jurisdiction over this action and venue in this Court is proper.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The March 2005 Loan:

- 14. On March 15, 2005, Plash Island executed a promissory note, as amended or renewed from time to time, (collectively the "\$5.4 Million Note") in favor of Synovus pursuant to which Plash Island promised to pay to Synovus the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,400,000.00).
- 15. Borrower has failed to make payments of principal and interest under the \$5.4 Million Note as and when due, Synovus has accelerated all obligations under the Note and all obligations under the Note are due and payable in full.
- obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by Rotenberry whereby Rotenberry unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Rotenberry Guaranty").

- 17. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by L. Lockhart whereby L. Lockhart unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "L. Lockhart Guaranty").
- 18. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by Rowe whereby Rowe unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Rowe Guaranty").
- 19. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by Manakides whereby Manakides unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Manakides Guaranty").
- 20. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by R. Lockhart whereby R. Lockhart unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "R. Lockhart Guaranty").
- 21. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by Ivey whereby Ivey unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all

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indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Ivey Guaranty").

- 22. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by McCain whereby McCain unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "McCain Guaranty").
- Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by C. Yarborough whereby C. Yarborough unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "C. Yarborough Guaranty").
- 24. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were also guaranteed by the Guaranty Agreement executed by Gary L. Marcrum, Sr. ("Marcrum") whereby Marcrum unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Marcrum Guaranty"). Marcrum is deceased and his obligations under the Marcrum Guaranty constitute obligations of the Marcrum Estate.
- 25. Also in connection with the \$5.4 Million Note, and as an inducement therefore, all obligations of the Borrower were guaranteed by the *Guaranty Agreement* executed by Marcrum Development L.L.C. ("Marcrum Development" and together with Rotenberry, M. Lockhart, Rowe, Manakides, L. Lockhart, Ivey, McCain, C. Yarborough, and Marcrum, the

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"Guarantors") whereby Marcrum Development unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed repayment of any and all indebtedness, obligations, and liabilities owing from the Borrower under the \$5.4 Million Note (the "Marcrum Development Guaranty" and together with the Guaranties executed by Rotenberry, M. Lockhart, Rowe, Manakides, L. Lockhart, Ivey, McCain, C. Yarborough, and Marcrum, the "Guaranty Agreements").

- 26. Borrower has defaulted under the terms of the \$5.4 Million Note for, among other things, failure to make payment when due.
- 27. Accordingly, the Guarantors are in default of their obligations under their respective Guaranty Agreements.
- 28. Pursuant to the \$5.4 Million Note, and related loan documents (the "\$5.4 Million Loan Documents"), upon default, the Borrower and the Guarantors shall be liable for all costs of collecting or attempting to collect on the \$5.4 Million Note, including attorneys fees.
- 29. The Borrower and the Guarantors have failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the \$5.4 Million Loan Documents after demand.
- 30. As of June 16, 2010 the aggregate outstanding balance due under the \$5.4 Million Note, exclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, is \$5,319,468.44. Such amount consists of principal in the amount of \$5.204,941.56, accrued interest in the amount of \$110,526.88 and late fees in the amount of \$4,000.00. Interest continues to accrue at a rate of \$795.20 per diem.

Count One - Breach of \$5.4 Million Note By Borrower

- 31. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 32. As referenced above, the \$5.4 Million Note has matured and is due and payable in full. Consequently. Plash Island has materially breached the terms of the \$5.4 Million Note for its failure to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the \$5.4 Million Note. Accordingly,

Defendant Plash Island owes Synovus the sum of the principal on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus unpaid interest, late charges, and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses.

- 33. Plash Island has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the \$5.4 Million Loan Documents after demand.
- 34. As of June 16, 2010 the aggregate outstanding balance due under the \$5.4 Million Note, exclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, is \$5,319,468.44. Such amount consists of principal in the amount of \$5,204,941.56, accrued interest in the amount of \$110,526.88 and late fees in the amount of \$4,000.00. Interest continues to accrue at a rate of \$795.20 per diem.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Plash Island, jointly and severally with the Guarantors, for the sum of \$5,319,468.44, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Two - Unjust Enrichment

- 35. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 36. Synovus conferred a benefit on Plash Island by lending to it the principal amount of the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 37. Plash Island has refused to make the required payment of the outstanding balance under the \$5.4 Million Loan Documents despite demand.
- 38. By retaining the loaned funds, while not remitting payment to Synovus, Plash Island has been unjustly enriched at Synovus' expense.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Plash Island, jointly and severally with the Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Three - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Rotenberry Guaranty

- 39. Synovus adopts, re-alleges, and incorporates the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 40. Rotenberry executed the Rotenberry Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note,
 Rotenberry is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 42. Rotenberry has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Rotenberry Guaranty after demand.
- 43. As per the Rotenberry Guaranty, Rotenberry is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Rotenberry, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Four - Breach of the S5.4 Million Note L. Lockhart Guaranty

- 44. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 45. L. Lockhart executed the L. Lockhart Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 46. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note,
 L. Lockhart is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.

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- 47. L. Lockhart has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the L. Lockhart Guaranty after demand.
- 48. As per the L. Lockhart Guaranty, L. Lockhart is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against L. Lockhart, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Five - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Rowe Guaranty

- 49. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 50. Rowe executed the Rowe Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 51. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note.

 Rowe is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 52. Rowe has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Rowe Guaranty after demand.
- 53. As per the Guaranty, Rowe is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Rowe, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Six - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Manakides Guaranty

- 54. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 55. Manakides executed the Manakides Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 56. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the Note, Manakides is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 57. Manakides has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Manakides Guaranty after demand.
- 58. As per the Manakides Guaranty, Manakides is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Manakides, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, a reasonable attorneys' fee, and costs.

Count Seven - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note R. Lockhart Guaranty

- 59. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 60. R. Lockhart executed the R. Lockhart Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.

- 61. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note,
 R. Lockhart is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 62. R. Lockhart has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the R. Lockhart Guaranty after demand.
- 63. As per the R. Lockhart Guaranty, R. Lockhart is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against R. Lockhart, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Eight - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Ivev Guaranty

- 64. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 65. Ivey executed the Ivey Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 66. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note. Ivey is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 67. Ivey has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Ivey Guaranty after demand.
- 68. As per the Ivey Guaranty, Ivey is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Ivey, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, a reasonable attorneys' fee, and costs.

Count Nine - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note McCain Guaranty

- 69. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 70. McCain executed the McCain Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 71. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note, McCain is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 72. McCain has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the McCain Guaranty after demand.
- 73. As per the McCain Guaranty, McCain is also liable to Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against McCain, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Ten - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note C. Yarborough Guaranty

74. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 75. C. Yarborough executed the C. Yarborough Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 76. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note, C. Yarborough is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 77. C. Yarborough has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the C. Yarborough Guaranty after demand.
- 78. As per the C. Yarborough Guaranty, C. Yarborough is also liable to the Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against C. Yarborough, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Eleven - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Marcrum Guaranty

- 79. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. Gary L. Marcrum, Sr. executed the Marcrum Guaranty whereby he unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 81. Gary L. Marcrum, Sr. died on June 13, 2009, and his estate (the "Marcrum Estate") is being probated in the Probate Court in and for Shelby County, Alabama in the matter styled, In the Matter of Gary L. Marcrum, Case No. PR-2009- 000359 (the "Probate Case").
 - 82. Donna S. Marcrum is the executrix of the Marcrum Estate.

- 83. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note, the Marcrum Estate is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 84. The Marcrum Estate has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Marcrum Guaranty after demand.
- 85. As per the Marcrum Guaranty, the Marcrum Estate is also liable to the Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against the Marcrum Estate, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Count Twelve - Breach of the \$5.4 Million Note Marcrum Development Guaranty

- 86. Plaintiffs adopt, re-allege, and incorporate the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 87. Marcrum Development executed the Marcrum Development Guaranty whereby it unconditionally guarantied and promised to pay Synovus any and all indebtedness of Plash Island owing to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note.
- 88. Because Plash Island has breached its obligations under the \$5.4 Million Note, Marcrum Development is obligated to pay the amounts due and owing thereunder.
- 89. Marcrum Development has failed and/or refused to pay Synovus the amounts owed under the Marcrum Development Guaranty after demand.
- 90. As per the Marcrum Development Guaranty, Marcrum Development is also liable to the Synovus for attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of the indebtedness evidence by the \$5.4 Million Note.

WHEREFORE, Synovus demands judgment against Marcrum Development, jointly and severally with the Borrower and the other Guarantors, for the sum of the principal owed on the \$5.4 Million Note, plus interest, late charges, attorneys' fees, and costs. Synovus also prays for such other, further, and different relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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PLAINTIFF REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS BE SERVED THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT VIA SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER PURSUANT TO RULE 4(i)(1)(B) OF THE ALABAMA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE:

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Christopher Andrew Yarborough 345 Olde Park Court Gulf Shores, AL 36542-5714

The Estate of Gary L. Marcrum, Sr. c/o Donna S. Marcrum, Executrix 604 Queensgate
Birmingham, AL 35242

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PLAINTIFF REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS BE SERVED THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY CERTIFIED MAIL PURSUANT TO RULE 4(i)(2) OF THE ALABAMA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE:

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IN THE CIVIL COURT OF JEFFERSON, ALABAMA SYNOVUS BANK v. PLASH ISLAND RESORT LLC ET AL MICHAEL W, MCCAIN, 4606 RUDD SCHOOL ROAD, PINSON, AL 35126 **NOTICE TO** THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY ARE REQUIRED TO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR WRITTEN ANSWER, EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT, A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO THE OPPOSING PARTY'S ATTORNEY JOE ALAN JOSEPH WHOSE ADDRESS IS 420 NORTH 20TH STREET, SUITE 3400, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203 THE ANSWER MUST BE MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT WERE DELIVERED TO YOU OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED by the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure: V You are hereby commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this action upon the defendant Service by certified mail of this summons is initiated upon the written request of pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure 6/21/2010 1:20:26 PM /s ANNE-MARIE ADAMS Clerk/Register Date Certified mail is hereby requested Plaintiffs/Attorney's Signature RETURN ON SERVICE: Return receipt of certified mail received in this office on I certify that I personally delivered a copy of the Summons and Complaint to _____ County, Alabama on __ Date Server's Signature

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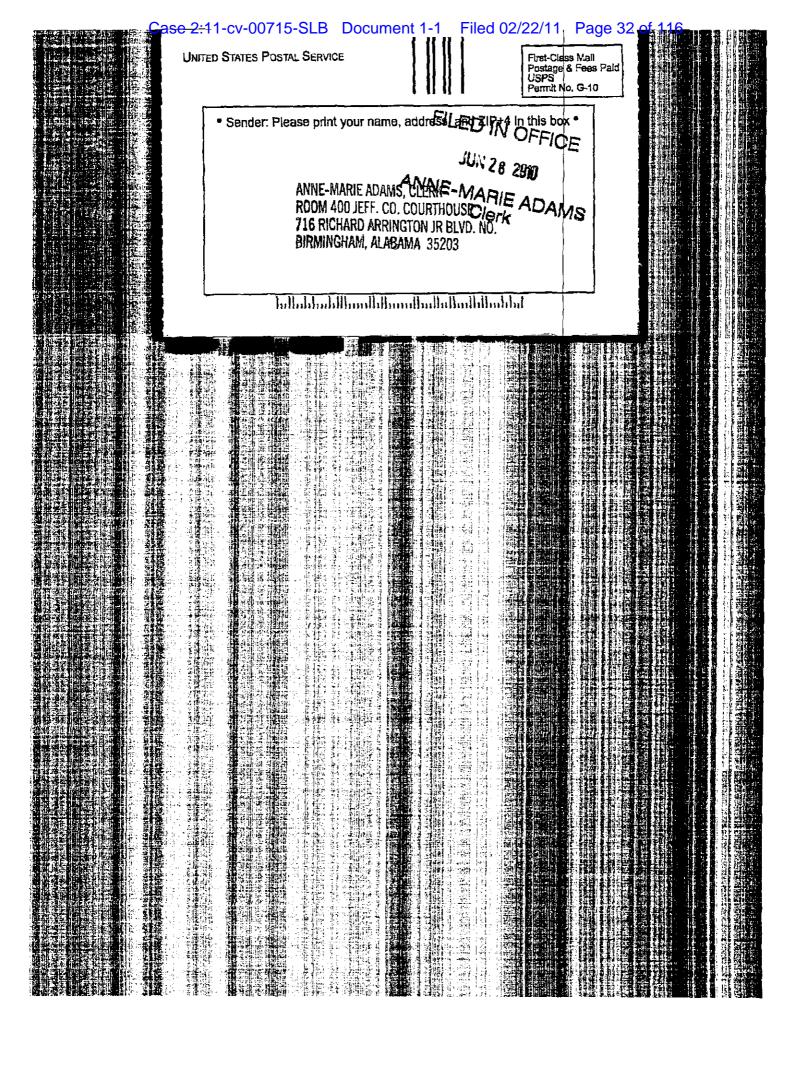
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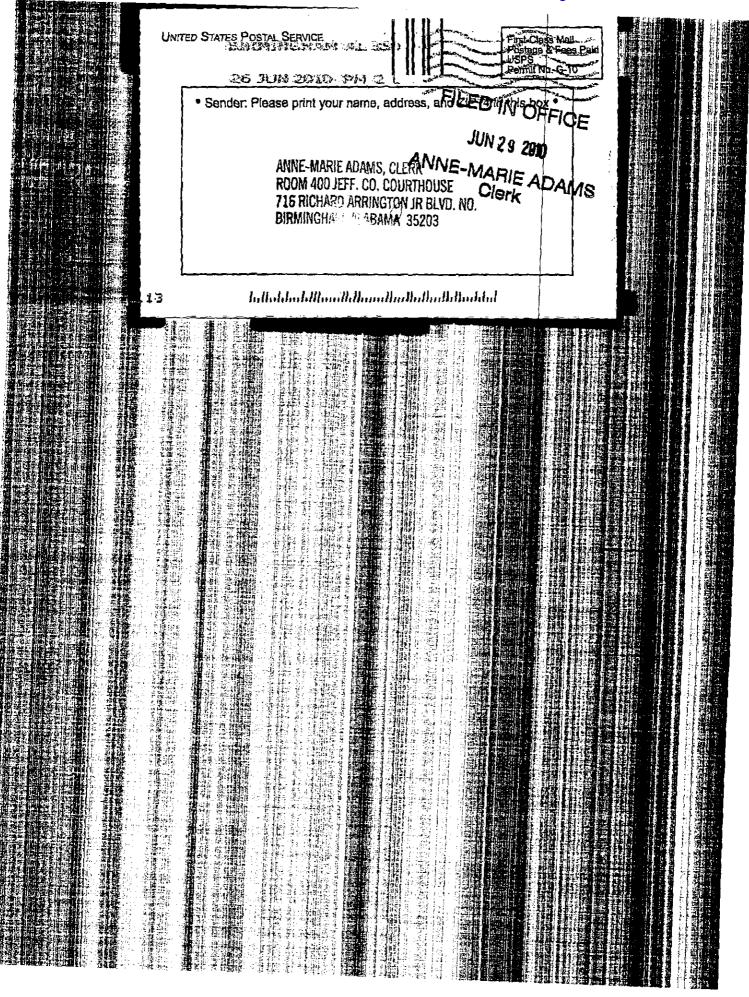
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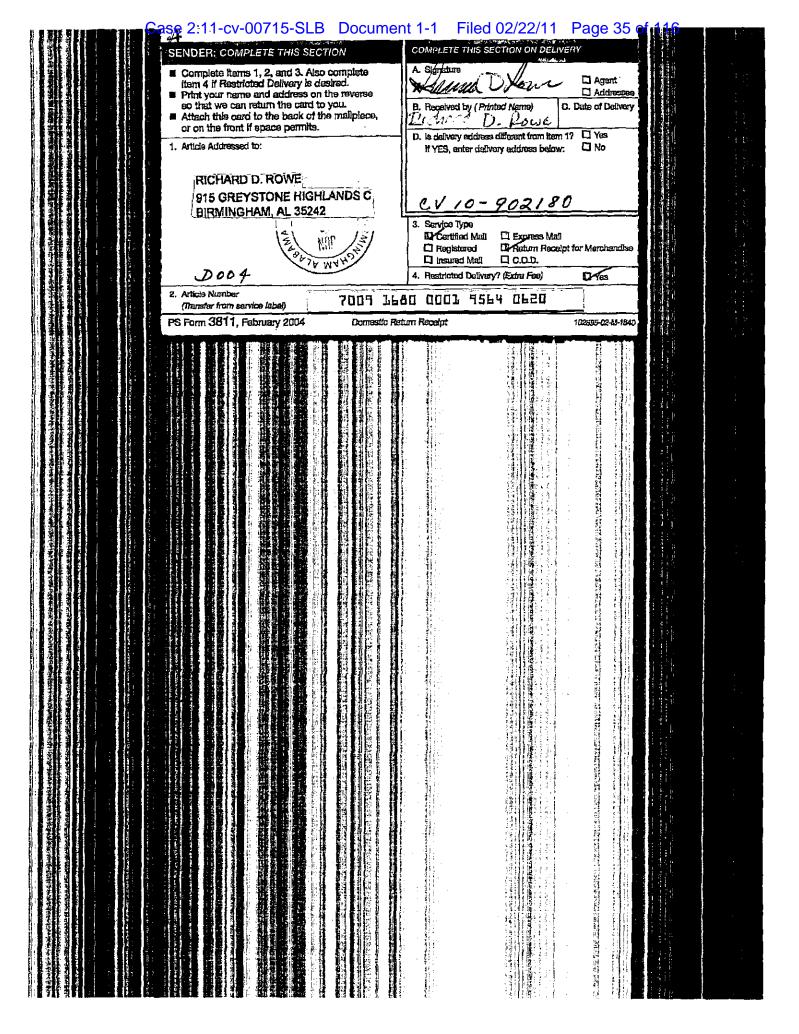
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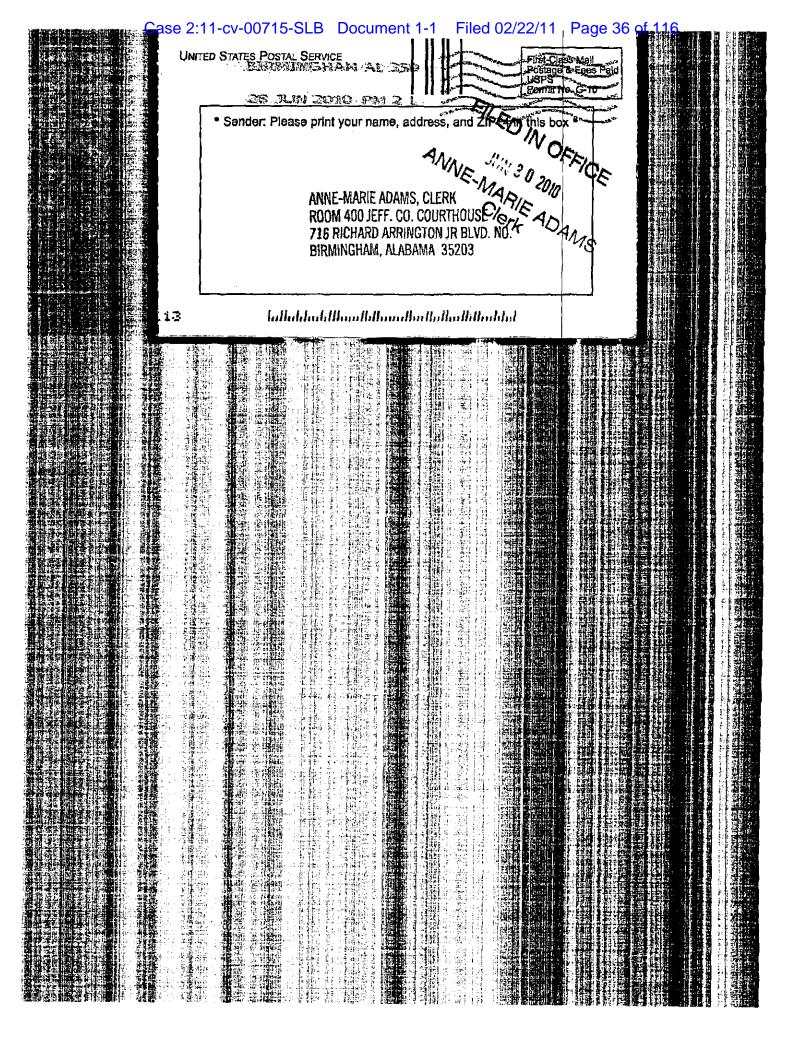
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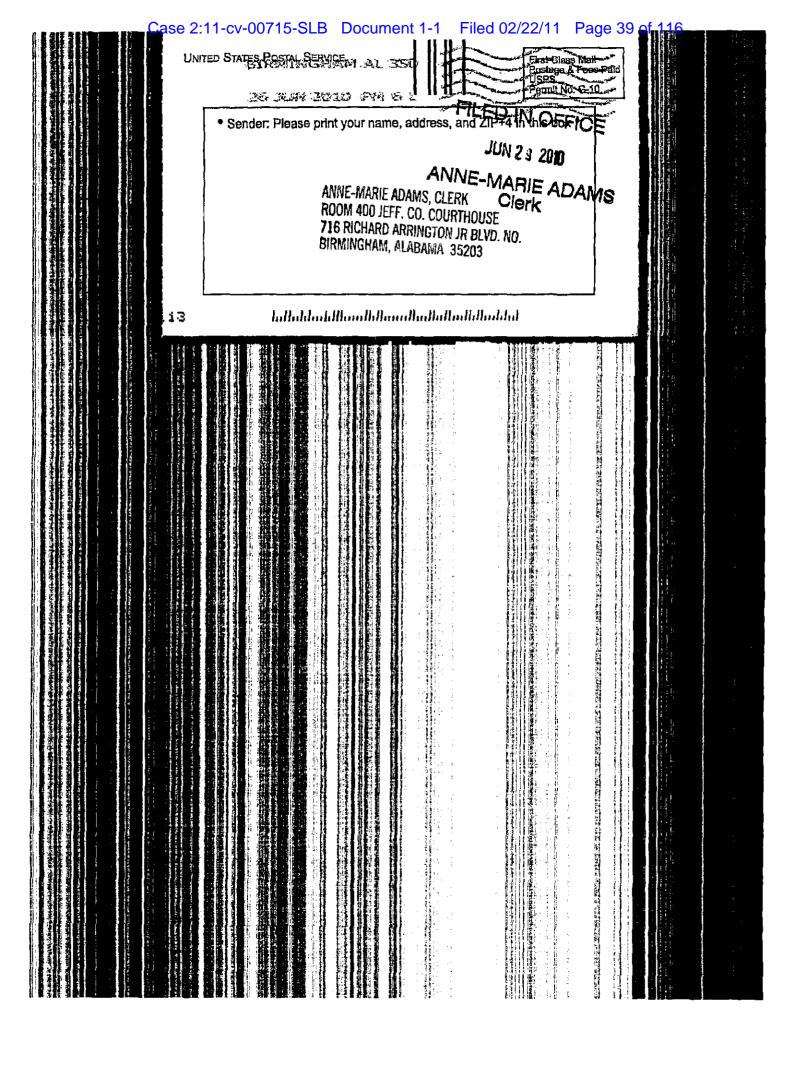
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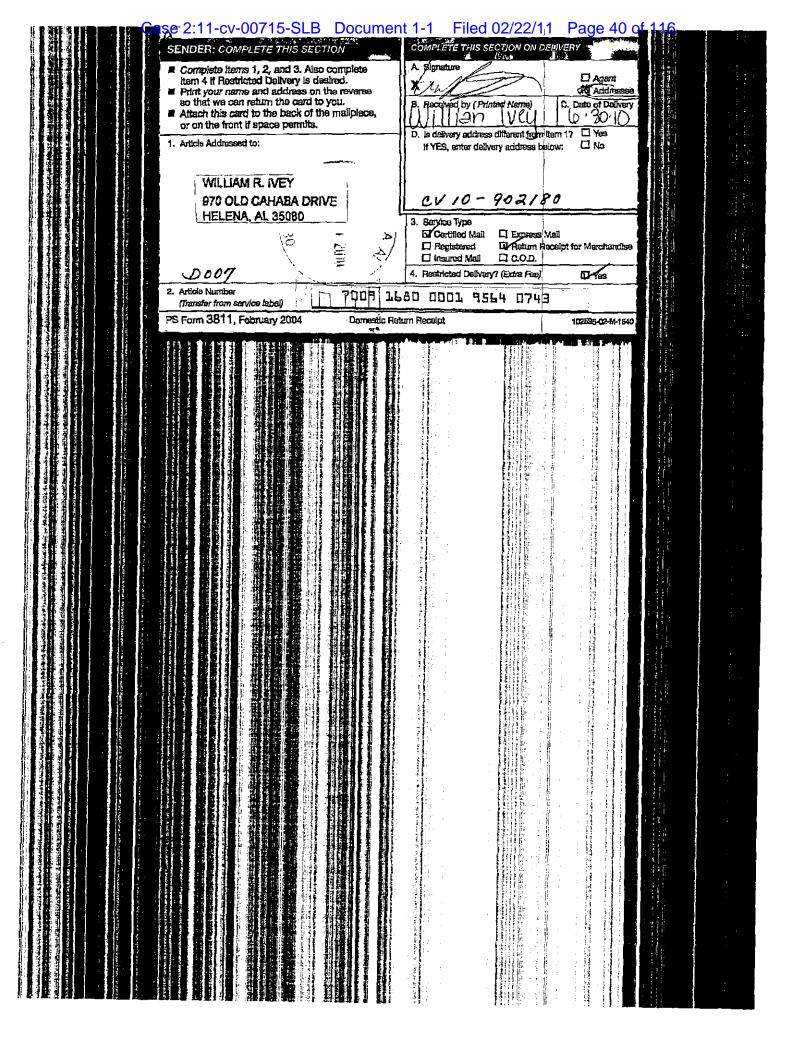
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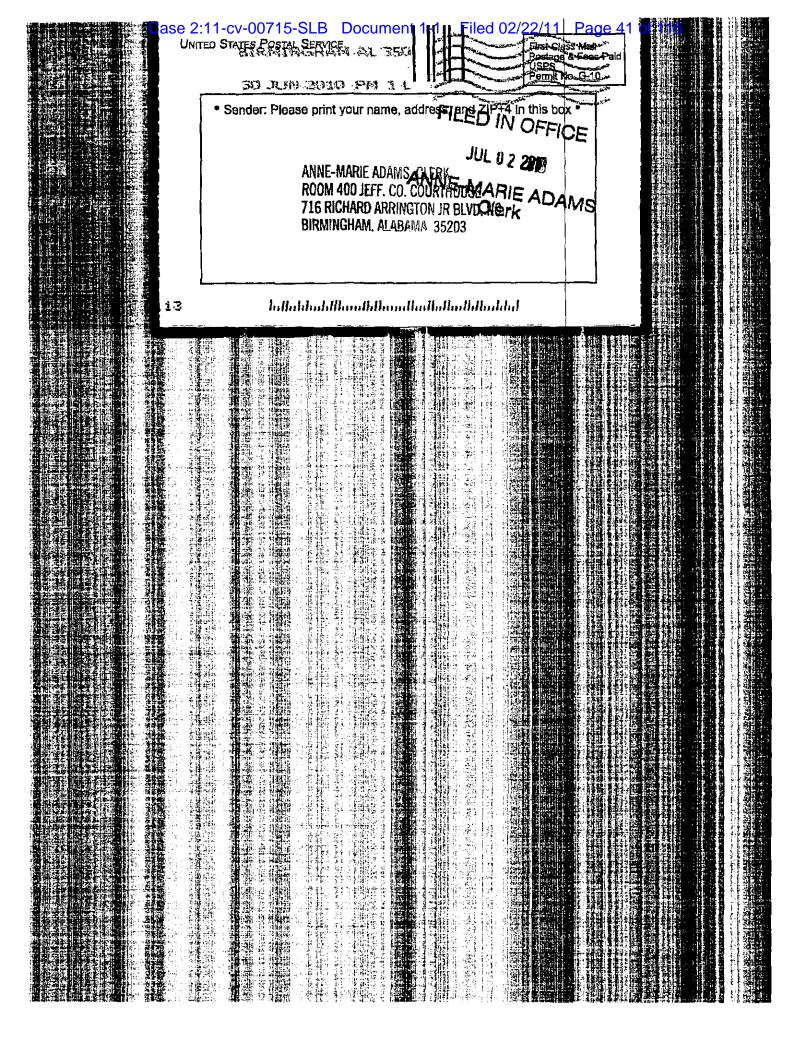
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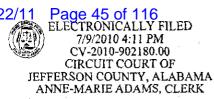
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SYNOVUS BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2010-902180
PLASH ISLAND ONE, LLC, et al.,))
Defendants.	,)

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendant Marcrum Development L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company without waiver of its right to contest jurisdiction and/or venue of this action, hereby answers the Complaint as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

This Defendant denies each and every material allegation of the Plaintiff's complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

SECOND DEFENSE

This Defendant denies it is liable for breach of any promissory note as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

THIRD DEFENSE

This Defendant denies that it is liable for breach of any guaranty as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

FOURTH DEFENSE

This Defendant denies that it is obligated to pay the amounts alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

FIFTH DEFENSE

This Defendant pleads and/or reserves the right to assert any and all defenses pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Alabama rules of Civil Procedure, including lack of jurisdiction over the subject matter, tack of jurisdiction over his person, improper venue, insufficiency of service, insufficiency of service of process, failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, and failure to join an indispensable party, and the affirmative defenses of lack of consideration, lack of standing, lack of privity, failure to mitigate damages, statute of frauds, parol evidence rule, set-off, acquiescence, ratification, estoppel, waiver, fraud, and misrepresentation, so as to avoid waiver of these defenses.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

This action is more convenient in other forums in other states and/or judicial districts within this State.

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Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of waiver and estoppel.

TENTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred based upon the performance of any obligations owed to Plaintiff by this Defendant.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to comply with conditions precedent to seeking payment from this Defendant.

TWELFTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff has not equitably sought recovery of the funds it now claims by attempting to selectively enforce any agreements inuring to the benefit of Plaintiff.

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Plaintiff's claims are barred by the equitable doctrine of unclean hands.

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Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of accord and satisfaction, and release of this Defendant.

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SEVENTEENTH DEFENSE

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Respectfully submitted,

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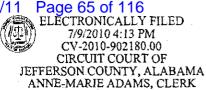
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2010-902180
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PLASH ISLAND RESORT, LLC, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendant Donna S. Marcrum, as executrix of the Estate of Gary L. Marcrum, Sr., without waiver of her right to contest jurisdiction and/or venue of this action, hereby answers the Complaint as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

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Respectfully submitted,

s/ R. Bruce Barze, Jr.

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ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

I, Amy M. Hazelton, of the firm of Benton and Centeno, LLP, being authorized to accept service of process on behalf of Keith Rotenberry, Lewis M. Lockhart, Richard D. Rowe, Nikolaos Manakides, Rickey L. Lockhart, William R. Ivey and Michael W. McCain, do hereby accept service of the Summons and Complaint in the above-styled cause for and on behalf of the said Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

SYNOVUS BANK)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. 2010-902180
PLASH ISLAND RESORT, LLC, et. al.)
Defendants.))

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE RELATED CASES

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Synovus Bank, formerly known as Columbus Bank and Trust Company, as successor in interest through name change and by merger with Coastal Bank and Trust, a Georgia Bank state bank, d\b\a Coastal Bank and Trust ("Synovus" or "Plaintiff") and pursuant to Rule 42 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits this motion ('Motion') seeking to consolidate case number CV-2010-902186 into the above-styled action. In support thereof, Synovus states as follows:

1. Alabama Rule of Civil Procedure 42 provides that "[w]hen actions involving a common question of law or fact are pending before the court, it may order a joint hearing or trial of any or all the matters in issue in the actions; it may order all the actions consolidated; and it may make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay." Ala. R. Civ. P. 42. "This wording is intended to confer a broad discretion to merge the two actions so far as is necessary for their most convenient determination. . . ." Ala. R. Civ. P. 42 cmt.; See also 8 James Wm. Moore, Moore's Federal Practice § 42.10[1][a] (3d ed. 2008) ("The articulated standard for consolidating two or more cases is simply that they involve 'a common question of law or fact.'"); State v. Reynolds, 887 So. 2d 848, 852 (Ala. 2004) ("Circuit judges have broad powers under the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure to order joint hearings or

trials of any or all matters in actions involving a common question of law, to order actions consolidated, to order separate trials of any claim, and to sever and proceed separately with any claim.)

- 2. The above styled case (the "Plash Island Matter"), and the case styled *Synovus Bank v. Alan Howard, et al.*, CV-2010-902186 (the "Howard Matter", and together with the Plash Island Matter, the "Synovus Cases") are two separate cases pending before two separate judges in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, but involve nearly identical questions of law and fact, and common parties.
- 3. On March 15, 2005, Plash Island Resort, LLC ("Plash Island" or "Borrower") executed a promissory note, as amended or renewed from time to time, (collectively the "\$5.4 Million Note") in favor of Synovus pursuant to which Plash Island promised to pay to Synovus the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,400,000.00), plus interest.
- 4. In order to induce Synovus Bank to enter in the \$5.4 Million Note with the Borrower, the remaining defendants in the above styled case, as well as all three Defendants in the Howard Matter (collectively the "Guarantors") executed unconditional and continuing guaranty agreements (the "Guaranty Agreements") whereby the Guarantors guaranteed the prompt payment of the debt owed by Plash Island Resort, LLC to Synovus under the \$5.4 Million Note and related loan documents ("the Loan Documents").
- 5. On June 21, 2010, Synovus filed both this action and the Howard Matter asserting virtually identical claims based on virtually identical facts, i.e. breach of guaranty agreements by the Guarantors.

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